GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:681
ANSWERED ON:12.07.2004
IRREGULARITIES IN SUPPLY OF WHEAT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether 1.5 lakh tonnes of wheat off loaded as cattlefeed reached the market;

(b) if so, whether the Government has conducted any enquiry into the incident;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) whether the wheat in question marked as `not fit for human consumption` actually fetched Rs. 5500 per tonne, while FCI sold it for Rs. 3500 per tonne;

(e) if so, whether the Government of Maharashtra lost a revenue of Rs. 23 crore;

(f) if so, whether the Government has fixed the responsibilities; and

(g) if so, the action taken against those held responsible?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): No, Sir. However, a news item had appeared in the Economic Times on 18th June, 2004 to this effect. The matter was enquired into by the Managing Director FCI and the allegations were found to be baseless.

(e), (f)&(g): Does not arise.